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from institutions, schools, etc., for having the staff and the inmates inoculated are being complied with promptly. Conservancy work in the affected areas has been intensified by the appointment of additional staff wherever necessary and the areas are thoroughly cleaned and disinfected with bleaching powder and slaked lime, etc. Sufficient number of ambulance vans has been stationed in the affected areas so that reported cases could be promptly removed to the Infectious Diseases Hospital. Anti-fly measures have been intensified in the affected areas and nearabouts and intensive spraying with pyrethrum and diazinon is being carried out to kill flies which act as carriers of cholera germs. Stern measures are being taken to prevent selling of unwholesome and exposed foodstuffs on the pavements in or near about the affected areas.

Kodambakkam where the attack was first reported is an unsewered area and has also defective water-supply. Arrangements have been made to supply protected drinking water to the area by water lorries. As a general precaution, extra chlorination has been resorted to at the Kilpauk pumping station.

Up to 12 noon on the 2nd November 1962, the total number of cases admitted into the Infectious Diseases Hospital was 331, of which 215 were positive cases of cholera, 90 negative cases, and 26 cases were under observation. The total number of deaths was 16. To the extent possible, intensive propaganda is being done with a propaganda van in the affected areas and nearabout in order to bring home to the people the precautions that should be taken to prevent attacks of cholera. The epidemic is under control and the Government are watching the situation carefully.

IV.—GOVERNMENT MOTION.

MOTION UNDER RULE 23 (1) OF THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL RULES.

3-20 p.m. THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN: Mr. Deputy Chairman, I move—

"That rule 23 (1) of the Madras Legislative Council Rules be suspended and this House do resolve to transact Government Business on Saturday, the 3rd November 1962".

DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: The question is—

"That rule 23 (1) of the Madras Legislative Council Rules be suspended and this House do resolve to transact Government Business on Saturday, the 3rd November 1962".

The motion was put and carried.

V.—THE TENTH REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ASSURANCES.

SRI K. BALASUBRAMANYA AYYAR: Mr. Deputy Chairman, I move for leave of the House for the postponement of the presentation of the Tenth Report of the Committee on Government Assurances. The Report is ready but it refers to a number